

Notes and Queries.

Colonel Low, writing in 1850, A. D., in Volume IV of the Journal of the Indian Archipelago, page 18, has the following notice of Perak.

“25th: February 1814. The Perak Raja addressed a letter to the chief authority at Penang: ‘I am’ wrote this potentate ‘he who holds the royal sword and the dragon betel stand and the shell which came out of the sea which flowed from the Hill of Se Guntang.’”

Do the dragon betel stand and this sea-shell still form part of the Perak State Regalia? If so, can any one say what the sea-shell is, and what the legend connected with it is?

This hill, which is perhaps the Sagatang Maka Miru of the Sejarah Malayu, is connected with the Perak regalia in the following lullaby [which was published on page 76 of the “Notes and Queries” of the Society].

Mangqueta nama-nya kayu,
Doun-nya luruh menelelang,
Mahkota raja Malayu
Turun deri Bukit Saguntang.

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Daun-nya huroh menelelang,
Daun puan di-raut-raut.
Turun deri Bukit Seguntang,
Kaluar deri dalam laut.

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